

SENATE RESOLUTION 156

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize James William Henry Howard, 2004 Valedictorian of Northwest High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, James William Henry Howard is one such exceptional student who was named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Northwest High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Howard has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable high school career, Mr. Howard has earned an outstanding grade point average; and

WHEREAS, he has earned numerous honors during his high school years, including three awards at the Academic Awards Banquet; a letter of commendation from the National Merit Board; the Chemistry, AP Biology, Advanced English II and III, French I and II, AP U.S. History, Pre-Calculus, and Outstanding Business Awards; and recognition in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, highly involved in his school and community, he has participated in tennis, French Club, the Middle Tennessee Science and Engineering Fair, the Tennessee Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, Peer Tutoring, and the Governor's School for the Humanities; and

WHEREAS, he is a respected leader among his peers and has served as a Youth Leader and Captain for the Pinnacle YABA, Secretary for the National Honor Society and the

Art Club, a member of the organizational committee for St. Jude's Walk-a-thon, and a delegate to American Legion Boys' State; and

WHEREAS, James William Henry Howard's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor James William Henry Howard, 2004 Valedictorian of Northwest High School, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.